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Dulles' Book Is Key To CIA Activities

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WASHINGTON — The private black book of Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has long been regarded as a clue to world conditions.

For years, the CIA staff has assembled a daily batch of clippings and memos and put them in a black looseleaf binder for Dulles to take home at night and study.

When the black book under Dulles' arm bulged thickly, it was assumed that plenty was cooking. On nights when the book contained only a few pages, things must be quiet.

Thus it may be noteworthy that in recent weeks, Dulles has left his office nightly carrying not one but two black books — both of them well-filled. The indication is that 1961 is the busiest cloak-and-dagger year since Dulles joined CIA in 1953.

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